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He Who Hates Others Gets Himself Hated and Deserves It. In the Long Run Hate Injures Only the One Who Does the Hating

2 DEAD; 13 HURT IN EXPLOSION AT PROVING STATION

Bomb Bursts at Government's
'Plane Experiment' Grounds

INVESTIGATORS AT SCENE

Explosive Rolls Off 'Plane and
Hits Rudder—Four Are
Fatally Injured

Washington, June 1.—Two men were killed and 13 others injured, four probably fatally by the explosion of a bomb at the Aberdeen (Md.) army proving grounds during preparations for airplane bombing experiments, according to official reports telephoned to the war department last night by Maj. William A. Borden and Capt. Claudius H. M. Roberts, special investigators sent from here to report and ascertain the cause of the explosion.

Dead and Injured.

The dead were Private Allen A. Schermer, 14th Squadron, air service, and E. H. Grinnell of the same organization.

Capt. Joseph E. Hall, a service of New Haven, Ct., was said to be not expected to live. He was wounded severely about the eyes and face.

First Lieut. Carl G. Ellison, air service, of Hagerstown, Md., the report said, was expected to recover. He received a deep muscular wound on the right side just above the hip.

First Lieut. Lewis R. Reese, quartermaster corps, Gwynnbrook, Md., also was expected to recover. His thumb and fifth finger of the right hand had been removed, the advocates said, and it was probable that the fourth finger would also have to be amputated.

Private Samuel L. S. Hite of the 14th squadron, air service; P. W. Hall, M. D. Blezins of the same organization; Charles J. O'Neill of the 34th ordnance company and Edward Jarry of the same organization, all were wounded and recovery was reported doubtful.

Robert M. Herr, a civilian employed as proof director at the grounds, was said to be suffering severely from the shock of the explosion and it was possible that one leg would be amputated.

Private S. P. Mace, 47th ordnance company; L. J. Titlow of the 34th ordnance company, and Private Raymond F. Hohl of the same organization, were less severely wounded and the reports said were expected to recover.

NATION IS DEDICATED TO FREEDOM'S CAUSE

President Harding Pledges U. S. Help
to Oppressed People of all
Lands.

Washington, May 31.—The national capital's memorial ceremonies for American war dead were colored by a new touch of international significance yesterday at services held in Arlington cemetery, under the lead of President Harding.

Speaking in the Arlington amphitheatre to veterans of three wars and to a distinguished company of officials and diplomats the president rededicated the nation to the cause of freedom and civilization and promised that it never would fail to measure up to every demand presented to it in behalf of civilization. By striking across the sea in the world war, he declared America had sanctified again her faith in free institutions for people everywhere.

FREE RADIUM CLINIC

To Be Held At Barre Hospital June
15 and 16

Barre, Vt.—The Barre City hospital announces that there will be a radium clinic held at that hospital June 15 and 16 from 10 to 12 o'clock mornings. Any cancer sufferer that wishes free examination will be welcomed.

Dr. C. F. Robinson, who is the specialist in charge of Radium treatment of cancer, is now in Boston and New York, attending lectures by Madame Curie, who discovered radium and who is in America to receive a large amount of radium from the women of America who have secured \$100,000 for that purpose.

Dr. Robinson is spending two weeks in further study of his specialty, but will be present at the clinic, which is the first radium clinic ever held in this state.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Thursday. Cooler
tonight. Warmer Thursday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Man or woman, salary \$36. Full time, 7:30 an hour, secure time selling guaranteed hostelry to wearers. Experience unnecessary. Guaranteed Milk Norristown, Pa. 5017.

WANTED—Ladies and Gentlemen—You can earn from \$3 to \$6 every night through homework. Address Post Office Box 23, Station E, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2111.

WANTED—A full boy, 12 to 14 years old, at Putnam House, Bennington, Vt. 2112.

LOST—White Shepherd dog with black spot on back. Answers to name of "Shen". Finder kindly notify party at 203 Bradford St. 2112.

\$400,000,000 CUT MADE IN WAGES OF RAILROAD MEN

Labor Board Announces Decision
—To Be Effective July 1.

DECREASE OF 12 PER CENT

Pay Reduction Will Affect Two
Million Men—Thirty-One
Unions Hit

Chicago, June 1.—Approximately two-thirds of the wage increase granted to railroad employees last July by the railroad labor board was ordered deducted beginning July 1 in the board's decision, which was announced today. From an increase last year of six hundred million dollars a year in salaries on railroad labor nearly four hundred million dollars will be cut by the reductions directed by the board. In the case of the general class of maintenance of way laborers the entire increase of eight and one-half cents an hour has been withdrawn, while in the case of others of classes having a large number of employees the cuts ranged from thirteen to eight and from ten to six cents an hour compared with the award of last July. The decrease will eventually affect two million men and 31 unions. The general average of the decrease is twelve per cent.

OBSERVED BY SCHOOL

Memorial Exercises in Bank Hall at
North Bennington.

Following is the program of the Memorial exercises conducted in Bank hall, North Bennington, by the graded school scholars of that village.

Song, America School Flag Salute.

Recitation, "Meaning of Memorial Day" Mildred Parker.

Recitation, "Why Do I Love Our Flag?" Cecelia Fox.

Recitation, "The First to Fall" Clarissa Nelson.

Reading, "American Ideals" Lilah Harwood.

Recitation, "The Flag That Has Never Known Defeat" Lois Harrington.

Recitation, "Memorial Day" Irma Allen.

Dialogue, "Colors of the Flag" Robert Babson, Helen Rich and Randall White.

Duet, (vocal) Elizabeth Armstrong, Theresa Walsh.

Recitation, "Boys of Vermont" Thomas Fitzmons.

Recitation, "A Little Girl's Offering" Virginia Keene.

Recitation, "Daddy's Flag and Mine" Dorothy White.

Recitation, "Memorial Day" Clara White.

Reading, "The New-Old, Young Man" Sue Huntington.

Recitation, "Little Patriots" Joseph McGinnis.

Dialogue, "Uncle Sam's Army" Leland Babin, Wesley Green and John McGinnis.

Recitation, "The American Flag" Kenneth Worthington.

Recitation, "Memorial Day Blossoms" Elizabeth Mosher.

Song, "Star Spangled Banner" School.

MONUMENT TO DEBS

Socialists Plan Free For All College
In Florida.

Oberlin, O., June 1.—A living memorial to Eugene V. Debs, in the form of a college "where lack of money will be no bar and where all may live in a socialistic atmosphere," may be a reality, according to Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, prison reform agitator, in an address here recently.

The proposed institution of higher learning would be located in Northern Florida, and definite plans for its establishment there have been made, it was asserted by Mrs. O'Hare, who said the plans were drawn up by herself and co-workers, with Debs in the Atlantic prison, where they visited him just before coming here.

Students will have to earn their way through the college by manual labor, giving over their afternoons.

PRENDERGAST HONORED

Bennington Man Named as Delegate
to National K. of C. Gathering.

At the recent state convention of the Knights of Columbus, held in Rutland, a delegate from Bennington, P. J. Prendergast, was especially honored. The gathering named Mr. Prendergast as one of the Vermont contingent to attend the national convention of the knights, which will convene in San Francisco on August 2, the session to continue through three days. Mr. Prendergast is an officer and one of the most enthusiastic members of the local organization.

INVESTIGATES EXPLOSION

Aerial Bomb Bursts, Kills 5—Injures 10.

GOVERNOR FOR ALASKA

President Nominates Former Seattle
Publisher For Job.

Washington, June 1.—Scott C. Bone, a former Seattle publisher, has been nominated by Harding to be governor of Alaska.

PILOT EXONERATED

Investigators Say Lieutenant on
Fated Plane Was Blameless.

Washington, June 1.—Lieutenant Stanley Ames, pilot of the Curtiss Eagle army airplane, which crashed near Morgantown, Maryland, Saturday, with a loss of seven lives yesterday, was exonerated of all blame for the accident in a formal report of the board of investigation which was submitted to Major Scanlon, Commandant at Bolling Field.

RESCUES CREW

Taken From Wrecked Schooner Es-
peranto Off Sable Island.

Halifax, June 1.—The crew of the Gloucester schooner Esperanto were brought into port today by the schooner Elise, which took them off the wreck of their craft at Sable Island. The Esperanto foundered off Sable Island Monday.

SENATE WILL SCRAP OVER PANAMA TOLLS

Borah Plans to Revive Effort to Give
U. S. Vessels Free Passage
Through Canal

Washington, D. C., June 1.—As soon as the naval appropriation bill is out of the way legislation will be begun in the senate, in advance of any specific recommendation from President Harding, which may become more vital in its relation to the foreign policy of the United States than the question of disarmament involved in the naval bill. It concerns the proposal to reestablish free passage for American shipping through the Panama canal, a policy abandoned in 1914 as the result of the first great victory by Woodrow Wilson.

With Great Britain in the lead, all the maritime powers are ready to protest against this proposed policy on the ground that it is unfair discrimination in favor of American shipping and contrary to the world understanding when the United States built the canal.

While the battle will be fought in the open in Congress, it is realized fully that the final answer probably will rest with President Harding and Secretary Hughes, who will deal with the international difficulties sure to arise as a result of any effort to give this preference to American ships.

There does not seem to be any doubt that the question of free passage for American ships will become involved before many days with some of the most vital problems of world adjustment in the Harding administration.

BRITISH PROTESTS IN ABEYANCE

British statesmen are keeping silent
on the subject in the hope that the
movement in this country for free
passage will be abandoned, but there
does not seem to be the slightest
chance of that. At the psychological
moment the storm of British protest
is expected to break.

Senator Borah, chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals, announced yesterday that he intended to bring the free canal question before the senate as soon as the disarmament question and the naval appropriation bill can be disposed of. Neither he nor any leader in the senate of either party knows the temper of the senate on the subject and this is giving both sides considerable uneasiness.

Repeal of free passage marked the real beginning of Woodrow Wilson's domination over the legislative branch of the government. In face of a platform declaration of his party for free passage, Mr. Wilson asked for and obtained the repeal of the measure. His reason, it will be recalled, was shrouded in mystery.

"I ask this of you," he said in his message, "in spite of the foreign policy of the administration. I shall not know how to deal with matters of even greater delicacy and nearer concern if you do not grant it to me in ungrudging measure."

On the basis of this cryptic utterance which, so far as any one can learn, never has been explained, free passage was abolished, the vote in the senate being 50 to 35, with ten senators not voting. Party lines were abandoned, thirteen Republicans and thirty-seven Democrats voting with Mr. Wilson, while twenty-one Republicans and fourteen Democrats voted against him.

HARDING'S LETTER IS QUOTED

Senator Borah, who is sponsoring legislation for a free canal, and his colleagues are counting on the support of President Harding. The 1920 Republican platform contained a plank favoring free passage and it was commended by Mr. Harding in his letter accepting the nomination. He said:

"I like that recommendation to thoughts of America first which pledges the Panama canal, an American creation, to the free use of American shipping. It will add to the American reawakening."

At that time, however, Mr. Harding had not acquired the intimate knowledge of diplomatic secrets to which his inauguration as president has given him access. What those who advocate a free canal fear is that there are in the archives of the state department the same reasons against free passage for American shipping that actuated President Wilson in his change of front.

It is probable that the president's views on the subject will be sought before the final vote is taken. Should he give his official approval naturally it is thought there will be little difficulty in obtaining approval of the bill.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FILES BRIEF IN BOUNDARY SUIT

Case Involves the Controversy
Over Vermont's State Line

GOES TO SUPREME COURT

Millions of Dollars' Worth of
Taxable Property Tied
Up In Result

Concord, N. H., June 1.—The dispute over the boundary line between this state and the state of Vermont, in which millions of dollars' worth of taxable property is involved and in which every person in the two states is vitally interested came into prominence again when Attorney General Oscar L. Young of this state and Assistant Attorney General Joseph T. Mathews left for Washington, where they appeared before the United States supreme court yesterday and made a formal presentation of the brief in the case upon which the supreme court can formally enter the case on the docket.

The case is a dispute between this state and the state of Vermont to determine whether the legal boundary of New Hampshire on its western frontier is the middle of the Connecticut river or the westerly bank.

In December, 1915, a bill of equity was filed in the United States supreme court by the state of Vermont against the state of New Hampshire claiming the middle of the Connecticut river as the lawful boundary line not the westerly bank as it has been construed and recognized for more than 100 years.

Action in the case was stopped during the participation of the United States in the World war, by orders to that effect from Gov. Percival W. Clement of Vermont. The litigation is now being revived by the present governor of Vermont, Gov. James Hartness, through the attorney general of that state.

Valuable property ranging from the gorge of the river in Stewartstown to the town of Hinsdale, where the river crosses the Massachusetts border, is involved.

Vermont began a survey of the territory involved in 1915. It was completed last year.

MAKES THOROUGH SURVEY

During the summer and fall of 1916 considerable time was spent by James P. Tuttle, New Hampshire attorney general, and assistant attorney general in making a study of the situation upon the grounds with members of the governor's council and with engineers. It was determined that a complete survey of the entire river and its banks from the Canada line to the Massachusetts line was necessary and the attorney general was authorized by the governor and council to cause such a survey and corresponding plan to be made.

Professors Robert Fletcher and Charles A. Holden of the Thayer school of engineering of Dartmouth college were employed for this work. They began this survey late in May and completed it in early November, 1917. This survey, it is said, was painstaking and thorough in all respects, and a vast fund of information in regard to the engineering and geographical features was accumulated.

Assistant Attorney General Matthews gave practically his whole time to looking after the survey while it was in progress, and to gather important data from the records of towns along the river. The survey was extended into a plan in the winter and spring months of 1918. The historical facts and the principles of law governing the case are, it is believed, controlling in New Hampshire's favor.

BRIDE ELECT FOOLED

Motor Trip Proves to Be Complete
Surprise

Miss Bertha Atkins was invited to accompany a friend last evening for an automobile ride and after a little trip the friend casually suggested that they call on Mrs. William Heisterstadt who lives on Dewey street. This was agreeable so they called and Miss Atkins was surprised to find the house decorated with roses and peonies, but as she was about to ask if they were intruding, and if guests were expected, 24 of her own friends burst in upon her, with a decorated cart filled with gifts in honor of her approaching marriage.

After the opening of the gifts the evening was spent with music and games. Refreshments were served after which the guests departed wishing the bride to be much joy and happiness.

BILL FORSAKES NEBRASKA

Perennial Presidential Candidate to
Become Florida Citizen.

New York, June 1.—William Jennings Bryan has announced that he will vote in Florida in the future.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The minister will have charge of the mid-week service on Thursday evening, opening promptly at 7:30.

Prof. E. D. Long will meet the choir Friday evening 7:30 for the weekly rehearsal.

LITTLE BOY'S LEG BROKEN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzger-
ald Victim of Accident.

Harold, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, was to have been taken to the Putnam Memorial hospital this forenoon for an x-ray examination to ascertain the extent of injury sustained late yesterday afternoon when the child was accidentally run down by a motorcycle.

Physicians summoned immediately after the accident at once ascertained that the child had suffered a fracture of the left leg between the knee and ankle. The little boy passed a fairly comfortable night and no serious consequences are expected.

At the time of the accident an automobile and motorcycle were passing each other in front of the Fitzgerald home on North Branch street. Both vehicles were running at a slow rate of speed but the cyclist was unable to check his vehicle, when the child suddenly ran into the street in time to prevent the accident. In addition to the fracture the boy suffered a severe bruise on the cheek and another on the hip.

The young man riding the motorcycle was severely shocked over the accident and expressed much regret to the parents who are extremely grateful that the consequences of the accident were no more serious.

CHILDREN MAKE HATS LIKE PROFESSIONALS

Wonderful Demonstration by Director
of Junior Achievement Bureau
Last Evening

Local people who failed to attend the meeting at the Welfare headquarters last evening missed an exceptionally inspiring address and demonstration by Frank O. Kreager, assistant director of the Junior Achievement bureau.

The bureau, established something over a year ago by some of the prominent financiers and industrial leaders of the country has for its purpose the direction of youthful energy into useful channels, and is already accomplishing a wonderful work.

Clubs already organized have demonstrated that even children under ten years of age are capable of doing for themselves and for others many useful things which have been lost sight of during recent years.

The most remarkable feature of the meeting was a demonstration by Mr. Kreager of what can be accomplished by little girls in the manufacture of dolls and children's hats. The audience was fairly amazed by this exhibit. Some of the hats made by girls less than ten years of age compared favorably with the work of professionals.

It was evident to every person in the audience that Mr. Kreager is an enthusiast that his heart and soul is in the work he has undertaken. He is to visit Bennington again in the near future when it is hoped that increasing interest will result in a much larger gathering.

CO-EDS ARE WARNED

Not To Dress Like South Sea Island
Savages

Madison, Wis., May 31.—"Let us cease being savages before the final storm overtakes us,"

This was the warning printed yesterday by the Daily Cardinal, University of Wisconsin student publication, in an editorial said:

"The dress or rather the lack of dress of girls of today is a matter meriting grave consideration. The male arms and legs and bare shoulders and backs and bosoms are so prevalent that no description need be given."

"An outbreak is imminent at the university against present day indecency of feminine attire. This is merely the rumble of thunder in the distance. The sky is darkening."

The editorial then quotes college presidents to show "the bathing girl of today is merely a forerunner of the girl of tomorrow" that "it is an alarming situation, when our twentieth century debutante comes out arrayed like a south sea island savage."

LOWER BILL RATES

President Harding Discusses Problem
With Members of I. C. C.

Washington, June 1.—A downward revision of railroad rates, particularly those on necessities today was discussed by President Harding with members of the Interstate commerce commission at an informal conference. The president is understood to have been assured that the whole subject will be taken under review by the commission.

DORSET HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hazelton en-
tertained several friends from Saratoga, N. Y., Memorial Day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wellwood of North Rupert and her daughter, Mrs. Horace Winchester a son of North Rupert, and John C. Wellwood of Rutland were guests of friends here Monday.

Mr. Wellwood was driving a new Buick roadster.

Rev. Joseph Tachy and sisters, Misses Susan and Evelyn of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGee of Dorchester, Mass., were at the Valley View farm Sunday.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Mrs. James S. Sears spent Memorial Day with relatives in Shaftsbury.

Frank Powers has purchased a new 5-passenger Chevrolet touring car.

Mrs. Egan Planders has been called to Burlington, N. H., by the serious illness of her father.

John Maxon and son Carl of Glens Falls, N. Y., were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans.

MOTHER AND 3 SONS CHARGED WITH MURDER

Trial of First of the Group; Lad
15 Years, Starts in Indiana

SAYS DEVIL'S RESPONSIBLE

Murder of Alleged Culprit's
"Double" Linked With \$20,-
000 Life Insurance

Warsaw, Ind., June 1.—Trial of Virgil Decker, 18, for the murder of Leroy Lovett, 20, said to be his "double," was set to begin in the circuit court here today. Two of Decker's brothers and his mother, also under indictment on a charge of murder, will be tried separately.

Although Virgil Decker is said to have confessed to having murdered Lovett, a boon companion, early in March, the authorities have failed, so far as is known, to learn the motive. The young man is said to have declared in one of his numerous statements, that "the devil told me to do it and I just did."

Lovett was found fatally injured at a railroad crossing 12 miles west of Warsaw, after he had been struck by a freight train. The body was taken to Houshorne, where Fred Decker, a brother of Virgil, and Mrs. Lydia Decker, mother of both men claimed the body as that of Virgil Decker.

Accepting at first the claims of the Decker family to the body, a search was instigated for Leroy Lovett, who it was said, had been with Virgil Decker a short time before the accident. This brought the Lovett family of Elkhart, Ind., into the case and upon viewing the body, it was claimed by them as their son, Leroy. Further investigation disclosed the deceased had died from injuries other than those received by the train.

INVOLVES \$20,000 INSURANCE

The Deckers stoutly maintained the body was that of Virgil and it was some time before they admitted their error. The state, it is said, bases its charges against Fred Decker, Calvin Decker, another brother and Mrs. Lydia Decker, the mother, on the theory that a conspiracy existed to kill Lovett, substitute his body for that of Virgil Decker and collect \$20,000 life insurance, which Virgil carried in favor of his brother Fred.

Virgil Decker's whereabouts were learned several days after the accident, when an uncle with whom he was staying in Marion, Ind., notified the authorities. He was arrested and taken to Warsaw, but maintained his innocence for several days.

Influenced, it was said, by Mrs. C. B. Moon, wife of the Kosciusko county sheriff, Virgil Decker was said to have confessed to the crime. His story, in substance, as related by witnesses to the alleged confession, was that Lovett and he left Elkhart by automobile and stopped at a cottage on the Tippecanoe river, near Fred Decker's farm where they spent the night. He is alleged to have declared he awoke before Lovett and seizing an iron bar, struck the young man over the head with it leaving him in the cottage, apparently dead.

CONFESSION IS ALLEGED

Returning shortly afterward from his brother's farm with a horse and buggy, he is said to have told the authorities he found Lovett partially conscious. After changing clothing with him, he is said to have confessed he helped the injured lad into the buggy and drove to the railroad crossing, unhitched the horse and left the buggy containing Lovett on the track.

In another alleged statement, Decker is said to have involved John Ivankovich, who was arrested and later released when Decker refuted the charges.

WET AND DRY SPOTS IN THIS VICINITY

if Mapped, Would Resemble
Checker Board

Reports coming into the village from different localities in the vicinity of Bennington indicate that the storm of Sunday was a hit and miss affair, so much so, that if the wet and dry spots around about could be correctly mapped the result would resemble a checker board.

Here in Bennington, beginning early in the forenoon, rain fell nearly all day but not a drop of moisture fell in the northern section of the county. In the afternoon it was possible to drive a short distance into the town of Hoosick and reach spots where the dust had not been laid.

Persons, who were in North Adams Sunday state that only a few drops of rain fell while Williamstown was given a drenching.

A party of young men who left here Saturday for a fishing trip to the Somerset reservoir on the following morning found themselves in a flooded country and unable to get anywhere near the big artificial lake which is reported to have risen for a height of 12 feet above the level preceding the storm.

WOLFRUM—LEONARD

North Bennington Young Girl Marries
Newburgh Man

Heleen Angela Leonard, daughter of James Leonard of North Bennington, and George Andrew Wolfrum of Newburgh, New York, is son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfrum of Hoosick Falls, were united in marriage Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the St. John the Baptist Church, North Bennington, by Rev. Thomas J. Burke. They were attended by Miss Bridget Leonard, sister of the bride and Edward Wolfrum, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a dress of navy blue tulle and a gray hat and carried pink and white sweet peas. The bride and groom wore navy blue tulle. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father, for members of the immediate families. The happy couple then left on a wedding trip to Boston and Lowell. Upon their return they will reside in Newburgh.

Mrs. Wolfrum has been a teacher in the fifth grade of the local graded school for the past three years. She resigned her position several weeks ago.

Mr. Wolfrum is manager of the Brookline Farms at Newburgh. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known here and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

HOARY OLD ASIA

The history of Asia goes back very far. One of the earliest events recorded and regarded as authentic is the founding of the temple of Bel at Nippur, 6000 B. C. The Assyrian Sumerian kingdoms are placed at the head of the ruling powers. When they commenced is not clear but they continued to the year 2230 B. C.

ARMED MOBS OF TULSA ENGAGE IN VIOLENT RIOTING